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'Big Money and Free Trips to Russia'

Hyattsville Man Tells of Red Bribe Attempt

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Stephen R. Gleason of 8113 14th av., Hyattsville, charges that two Soviet diplomats offered him "big money" and free trips to Russia if he would infiltrate our Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Gleason says he reported the offer to CIA. Later, on advice from the Justice Department, he registered as a foreign agent.

Mr. Gleason, 42, an Army veteran, drives a limousine at Washington National Airport.

In his registration with the Justice Department he named as his Soviet contacts Gernady V. Gavrikov, Third Secretary at the Embassy, and "Giorghi", identified only as another Embassy employee.

Mr. Gleason registered as an agent of Gavrikov and "Giorghi" last March 30.

He said in his registration he filed "only because I have been told by the Justice Department to do so."

(Nathan Levin, chief of the Foreign Agents' Registration section, said he "doesn't tell them they have to, but I tell them they come under the law." He said Mr. Gleason did not volunteer. "We had information about his activities and I personally solicited his registration by letter.")

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Mr. Gleason refused to discuss details, saying only that "it will be quite a story when it can be told." He said he was writing a book and expected to "get a little something out of this."

He said he does not consider himself a Russian agent despite his registration.

"That was just strategy."

In his registration, Mr. Gleason said he first met Gavrikov on Nov. 17, 1959, when he went to the Soviet Embassy "to inquire about employment."



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asked him to "prepare two studies for the Embassy."

Mr. Gleason said he refused, "but left the door open for further bargaining . . . to obtain information about Soviet operations."

Instead, Mr. Gleason reported in his registration, he provided the Soviets "misinformation in order to lead them . . . opinions and statements so absurd and so far from reality as to be of no value . . ."

On Dec. 29, Gavrikov and "Giorghi" gave him a bottle of Scotch as a Christmas present and on Jan. 18 Gavrikov "loaned" or gave me \$200.

Meanwhile, "Giorghi" asked him to "test employment with CIA."

"I had already told Gavrikov I was going to do so," he said in his registration. "Gavrikov said he would pay me a salary for working for the CIA. I went to CIA and told them the whole story about the Russians. I was not employed. The Russians

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